

based field trips for elementary school classes, a variety of workshops for teachers, and an opportunity for the public to learn about ecological concepts in a hands-on, living laboratory.

The Life Lab Science Program also works with schools in Santa Cruz County to make a positive impact on the environment through an intensive waste reduction program, called Waste Free Schools. Along with gaining a deeper understanding of educational issues related to waste reduction, each participating school organizes a Community Outreach event. These events educate the greater community about resource conservation and the school's waste reduction efforts. Currently, Waste Free Schools conducts assemblies and in-class presentations that reach over 8,000 students each year.

Another significant contribution of the Life Lab Science Program is the Monterey Bay Science Program, which provides professional development services to teachers in order to bring all learners into the mainstream of academic literacy. This award-winning program hosts teacher workshops on how to use scientific concepts from the physical, earth and life sciences.

Programs such as the Life Lab Garden Classroom, Waste Free Schools, and the Monterey Bay Science Program serve to educate the youth of today about the importance of environmental sustainability and waste management. The Life Lab Science Program is a rare gem, teaching people of all ages about the unbreakable bond between humans and the beautiful environment in which we live. The efforts of the Life Lab, and others like it, better our chances at some day achieving a sustainable future, in which all citizens truly appreciate the plentiful gifts we reap from the land.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the Life Lab Science Program's efforts to promote environmental sustainability and education in an interactive living laboratory. Its dedication towards environmental education is one that ought to be mimicked across the nation, as the effects of unsustainable practices and environmental degradation begin to be felt by our generation and those to come. I know I speak for the entire House when I congratulate the Life Lab Science Program for its 30 years of commendable community service and extend our wishes for many more to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Manufacturing Lab for Next Generation Engineers.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Army: Army; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation; University Research Initiatives

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Bradley University, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to construct a laboratory to discover

innovative and creative manufacturing techniques and teach these techniques to engineers so they can be competitive in a global economy.

RECOGNITION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK SEPT. 6-12

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 6 through September 12 as National Suicide Prevention Week. Suicide is a public health problem and suicide prevention is a responsibility we all must share.

The reality of suicide is staggering. Did you know that in the United States more people die by suicide each year than homicide? Suicide is now the leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 24. In fact, the suicide rate for those 15-24 years old has more than doubled since the mid-1950s.

It is estimated that 5 million people in the United States are survivors of a loved one's suicide. Many of us, myself included, have been touched by teenage suicide. For every completed suicide by a youth, it is estimated that 100 to 200 attempts are made. Each year, there are approximately 10 youth suicides for every 100,000 youth. Each day, there are nearly a dozen youth suicides, and every 2 hours and 5 minutes, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide.

Most suicidal individuals do not want to die, but they do not know how to end the pain they are experiencing nor do they comprehend the permanence of their act. They use their behavior as a means of coping with stress and calling out for help. We must assist these individuals. Not all adolescent attempters may admit their intent so we must look for the signs of at-risk behavior, such as the expression of hopelessness, sadness, or threats to hurt oneself. We must be aware of the abuse of drugs or alcohol, withdrawal from family and friends, or increased aggressive or impulsive behavior.

When suicidal behaviors are detected early, lives can be saved. As a community, we must promote awareness that suicide is a public health problem and develop strategies to reduce the stigma associated with mental health and suicide prevention services. There are services available in our communities to address the behaviors and underlying causes of suicide. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting National Suicide Prevention Week, because together we can reduce the number of lives shaken by a needless and tragic death.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

This week, we remember the thousands who lost their lives on September 11. We re-

member their courage, their dreams and their spirit. Their families and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.

As we stand here, eight years later, the memories of that September morning remain very fresh, and we shall never forget those dreadful hours, days, weeks and subsequent months where the American spirit was put to the ultimate test.

But we, as a Nation, are resilient and have showed the world our resolve. The dark shadows of terrorism did not, and will not crush the steadfast determination of the American people.

Since that terrible day, we have shown the world that America remains vibrant, optimistic and resolute in our ideals of freedom and democracy.

Our shining city on a hill continues as a beacon of freedom to the world.

This anniversary also reminds us of the challenges we have ahead of us when it comes to the protection of freedom, security and prosperity. Tyrants across the region have not wasted any time in crushing personal freedoms and fomenting hate.

Madam Speaker, this week we honor those who lost their lives on September 11. We honor them in our thoughts and prayers. We also honor them by imparting the significance of the day and the lessons we have learned as a Nation on to our children and grandchildren. Finally, we honor them by upholding the ideals of freedom, security, and prosperity that continue to make our country strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 283; "nay" on rollcall No. 284; "nay" on rollcall No. 285; "aye" on rollcall No. 286; and "aye" on rollcall No. 287.

HONORING MSGR. JOHN "JED" PATRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Monsignor John "Jed" Patrick, or "Father Jed" as his parishioners know him, on his retirement from St. Michael's Parish in Marquette, Michigan. During his 41 years of ministry in the Diocese of Marquette, Father Jed served both his parish and his community with dedication, sharing his life and his church with open arms.

A native of Ironwood, Michigan, Father Jed served parishes in Marquette, Escanaba, Trenary, Palmer, Gladstone, Big Bay, and my hometown of Menominee. He became pastor at St. Michael's in 1995, serving there 14 years before his retirement.

Father Jed attended St. Lawrence Minor Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin and St.